

IN THE CLAIMS

The following claim set replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Presently Amended) A polyacetal resin composition comprising a polyacetal resin, a flame retardant, and a basic nitrogen-containing compound, wherein the flame retardant comprises a phosphorus-containing compound and an aromatic compound which accelerates flame retardation in association with the phosphorus-containing compound, wherein the proportion of the phosphorus-containing compound is 1 to 500 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of the aromatic compound. and the total amount of the phosphorus-containing compound and the aromatic compound is 1 to 100 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of the polyacetal resin.

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2. (Original) A polyacetal resin composition according to claim 1, wherein the phosphorus-containing compound is at least one member selected from the group consisting of red phosphorus, an organic phosphonate, an organic phosphinate, a (poly)phosphate, and a phosphoric acid ester.

3. (Original) A polyacetal resin composition according to claim 1, wherein the phosphorus-containing compound is at least one member selected from the group consisting of a stabilized red phosphorus, an organic phosphonic acid metal salt, an organic phosphinic acid metal salt, ammonium polyphosphate, and a condensed phosphate.

4. (Original) A polyacetal resin composition according to claim 1, wherein the phosphorus-containing compound comprises a stabilized red phosphorus and a thermoplastic resin.

5. (Presently Amended) A polyacetal resin composition according to claim 4, wherein the thermoplastic resin is at least one member selected from the group consisting of an olefinic resin, a polyurethane ~~-series~~ resin, and a polyamide ~~-series~~ resin.

6. (Original) A polyacetal resin composition according to claim 1, wherein the aromatic compound is a compound having a hydrocarbon ring reactive to formaldehyde, or a derivative thereof.

7. (Original) A polyacetal resin composition according to claim 1, wherein the aromatic compound is a compound having at least one member selected from the group consisting of a phenolic hydroxyl group and a phenolic amino group, or its derivative.

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8. (Original) A polyacetal resin composition according to claim 1, wherein the aromatic compound is at least one aromatic ring-containing resin selected from the group consisting of a resin having an aromatic ring containing at least one group selected from a hydroxyl group and an amino group, an aromatic nylon resin, a polycarbonate resin, a polyarylate resin, an aromatic epoxy resin, and an aromatic polyether resin.

9. (Original) A polyacetal resin composition according to claim 8, wherein the resin having an aromatic ring containing at least one group selected from a hydroxyl group and an amino group is at least one member selected from the group consisting of a phenolic aralkyl resin, a phenolic novolak resin, an aromatic vinyl resin, a phenol melamine novolak resin, and an aniline resin.

10. (Cancelled)

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12. (Presently Amended) A polyacetal resin composition according to claim 1, wherein the basic nitrogen-containing compound is at least one member selected from urea or its derivative, an amidine derivative, aminotriazine or its derivative, pyrimidine or its derivative, hydrazine or its derivative, an amide -series compound, and an a urethane -series compound.

13. (Original) A polyacetal resin composition according to claim 1. wherein the proportion of the nitrogen-containing compound is 0.01 to 80 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of the polyacetal resin.

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14. (Original) A polyacetal resin composition according to claim 1, which comprises a polyacetal resin, at least one phosphorus-containing compound selected from a particulate stabilized red phosphorus and ammonium polyphosphate, an aromatic ring-containing resin containing, in its repeating unit, a benzene ring or a bisphenol unit, and a basic nitrogen-containing compound. wherein the proportion of the phosphorus-containing compound is 10 to 400 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of the aromatic ring-containing resin, the total amount of the phosphorus-containing compound and the aromatic ring-containing resin is 5 to 100 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of the polyacetal resin, and the proportion of the basic nitrogen-containing compound is 0.05 to 50 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of the polyacetal resin.

15. (Original) A polyacetal resin composition according to claim 1, which further comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of a dripping inhibitor, an oxidation inhibitor, a heat stabilizer, a filler, an inorganic flame retardant, an inhibitor for inhibiting the formation of a phosphoric acid derivative, and an impact resistance improver.

16. (Original) A process for producing a flame-retardant polyacetal resin composition by mixing a polyacetal resin, a flame retardant claimed in claim 1. and a basic nitrogen-containing compound.

b' 17. (Original) A process according to claim 16, which comprises melt-mixing a master batch constituted of at least two components selected from a polyacetal resin - a phosphorus-containing compound, an aromatic compound, and a basic nitrogen-containing compound, with a polyacetal resin.

18. (Original) A shaped article made from a polyacetal resin composition claimed in claim 1.

19. (Original) A shaped article according to claim 18. which is an electric/electronic device part. a mechanical device part, or an automobile part.
